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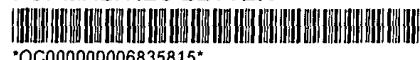
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09/930,219	08/16/2001	Michael Clinton Johnson	D-21, 109

## CONFIRMATION NO. 9456

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 10/03/2001

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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Group Art Unit: 1764

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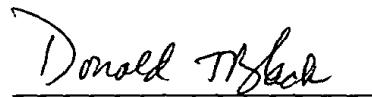
SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed October 3, 2001, enclosed are the duly signed Declaration and a copy of the Notice. A petition to extend the due date and authorization to charge the fees for submission of the Declaration and for the extension of time, accompany this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

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Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

12/3/01

(Month/Day/Year)

(2) Statutory Period Expires

4/3/02

(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

	<u>Fee</u>
[ ] One Month	\$ 110.00
[X] Two Months	\$ 400.00
[ ] Three Months	\$ 920.00
[ ] Four Months	\$1,440.00
[ ] Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$ _____.

(B) [X] Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

[ ] Amendment (additional claims)	
[ ] Notice of Appeal	[ ] Appeal Brief
[X] Declaration	\$320.00
	\$130.00

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$530.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

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Respectfully submitted,

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